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THE CHURCH AND THE DANCE

The American National association of Dancing Masters has asked the Methodist Episcopal church to remove its ban on dancing. This may seem to many church people a presumptuous and even impious request. The dancing masters, however, appear perfectly honest and respectful about the matter.

"We stand united," they say, in a formal resolution, "for dancing that is decent and beyond any possible censure of church and municipal authorities. We pledge ourselves to improve, where possible, the standard of our profession. We deny all efforts made to introduce music that tends to degrade or sensualize dancing. We promise to try to have dancing on a plane so high that neither church nor state can object to its legitimate exercise."

It must be said, to the credit of the dancing masters, that their profession in general has steadfastly opposed the barbarous and sensual types of dancing that have come into vogue in the last few years. Unfortunately the very fact that their efforts have failed to stem the tide tends to weaken their appeal in this case. The church people who object to dancing on general principles naturally fear that if they let down the bars the sensual dancing will invade their precincts in spite of the teachers.

Dancing is admitted to have had a religious origin, and to have been associated intimately with religion in many countries and ages. It is recorded in the Bible that David danced before the Lord. It does not seem to be written, however, that any of the holy men or holy women danced any of these modern "wiggles" or "squirms," to an accompaniment of jazz music.

HOOVER AND HIS CHILDREN

Herbert Hoover is returning to the United States for a well-deserved rest.

Nobody asks any more, "Who is this man Hoover?" He is known the world over as the man who, by applying American business ability to a bad situation, saved Belgium from starving and subsequently saved a large part of Europe. He has been credited since the armistice with being a veritable "dictator". He has exercised more power in eastern and southeastern Europe in recent months than the allied council.

But power is not what people associate with Hoover's name. What is it then? Ask any woman. Hoover has a secure place in the heart of humanity today because of the children he has saved.

He will receive many compliments on his return home. An admiring government and public will praise him. But there can be nothing to surpass a tribute he has already received across the Atlantic. In Warsaw, before he left for home, there was a spontaneous demonstration of gratitude such as have come to few men ever in the world, perhaps to none. A procession of children filed past him steadily, for five hours, cheering, singing and weeping, in happy recognition of what he had done for them.

"He has 2,500,000 babies to look after now," writes a European correspondent.

On one of the rare occasions when he relaxed from his severe business attitude and showed some of the real feeling inside him, Hoover remarked, "I believe in children."

Maybe that is why the world believes in Hoover, and gives him such ungrudging praise for his work.

WILLIAM VINCENT IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

The remains of the late William Vincent, a former resident of Mt. Vernon, were brought to this city Friday afternoon and laid to rest in Mount View cemetery.

Mr. Vincent's death occurred Tuesday evening at his home in Kansas City, Mo. His death resulted from heart disease and was very sudden. The deceased was 46 years of age and was formerly employed as a druggist in Mt. Vernon. He left here about twenty years ago. He is survived by his mother, his wife and one sister, Mrs. Jewel Cartmell of Indianapolis, Ind.

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COURT NEWS

Ella Raley has commenced suit for divorce in the Summit county common pleas court against Benjamin H. Raley, 7 Marion street, Mt. Vernon, according to a copy of the petition received here Friday morning.

The plaintiff states they were married April 12, 1914, and have no children. She charges the defendant with gross neglect and alleges that he struck and beat her and in other ways was guilty of extreme cruelty. She also alleges that the defendant has been guilty of habitual drunkenness and that he frequently called her vile and indecent names.

The plaintiff seeks an absolute divorce and asks that she be restored to her maiden name, Ella Sells.

Lloyd R. Read of Akron is attorney for the plaintiff.

Charges Are Made—

In the divorce case of Grace E. Thatcher vs. Virgil R. Thatcher, an answer and cross-petition was filed by the defendant in the court of common pleas Friday in which he sets up some sensational charges. He admits the date of the marriage, but on cross-petition alleges that the plaintiff became estranged and infatuated with other men and prior to and since June 22, 1919, she has been unlawfully meeting and cohabiting with Jerry Harding and other men. The defendant says she has abandoned him and is now working at various hotels in the city. He states she is not a proper person to have the custody of the minor children. He therefore asks that the petition of the plaintiff be dismissed. Frank O. Levering is the attorney for the plaintiff.

Answer Is Filed—

In the case of Susan Stiner vs. Clarence Durr, an answer and cross-petition has been filed in the court of common pleas of Knox county. The defendant denies that the plaintiff is the owner of personal property alleged in her petition. He further alleges that he rented the farm from the plaintiff and took possession March 1, 1919. He states that by the rental agreement each was to receive one-half of the crops. The defendant denies that he entered the property of the plaintiff and disturbed any of her property. He asks that the temporary injunction be dissolved. Lot C. Stillwell is attorney for the plaintiff.

Sets Up Answer—

In the case of The Home Building & Loan Company vs. R. M. Greer et al., and The Knox County Mutual Insurance Co. vs. R. M. Greer et al., separate answers have been filed by Kate L. Seabrook. The defendant alleges that in the court of common pleas of Knox county she has obtained a judgment against R. M. Greer in the sum of \$1600, and that the judgment is still unpaid. The defendant asks that if real estate belonging to R. M. Greer is sold her claim of \$1600

be paid. The attorneys for plaintiff are Robert L. Carr and Walter J. Sperry.

Reply Is Filed—

The plaintiff has filed a reply in the court of common pleas of Knox county in the case of Robert B. Putnam vs. James R. Blubaugh. The plaintiff claims that every part of the contract has been carried out. The attorney for the plaintiff is Carl Schuler of Millersburg.

Discharge Papers Filed—

The following Knox county soldiers filed their discharge papers in the office of the county recorder for record on Friday: William H. Allspaugh and Roy E. Russell.

Real Estate Transfers—

Lyman B. Hanover to G. H. Applegate, parcel in Hillar, \$1.
Thomas J. Wilson to George B. Swingle, 80 acres in Jefferson, \$2400.
Margaret Dermody to Bertha E. Parmenter, parcel in city, \$1.
Albert Schooner to T. O. McKee, 30 acres in Jackson, \$400.

Sale Bill Filed—

Channing F. Rice, administrator of Harry McKee, has filed a sale bill in the probate court of Knox county, showing personal property sold in the sum of \$1,416.68.

Will Admitted—

The last will and testament of George E. Beal has been admitted to probate.

Marriage Licenses—

Howard Thorp, farmer, Burlington township, Licking county, and Hannah Elkins, Centerburg. Rev. Foster C. Anderson.
Leroy Andrew Wright, glassworker, Newark, and Helen Elizabeth Sheffer, teacher, Liberty township. Rev. S. T. Allen.

Lucy Snyder commenced suit for divorce in the court of common pleas of Knox county Saturday morning against Frank Snyder, alleging adultery and gross neglect.

The petition states they were married November 5, 1906, and that two children were born to them. It is alleged that on September 6, 1919, the defendant went to Columbus with Mary Newton and spent the day and night in that city with the woman.

Plaintiff states that the defendant is a carpenter and contractor and is capable of earning large wages. She names the New Knox National Bank and a defendant, claiming that the defendant Snyder has money deposited in the bank. In addition to a divorce, alimony and the custody of the minor children, she asks that the bank be restrained from paying any money over to the defendant. B. E. Eapp is the attorney for the plaintiff.

Damage Suit Filed—

M. S. Levering et al., doing business under the firm of Levering Bros., has commenced suit in the court of common pleas against Aaron Smith

et al., in which he asks for damages in the sum of \$350.

Allegation is made in the petition that the defendant unlawfully detained stock belonging to the plaintiff and as a result the plaintiff has been damaged to the extent of \$350. Robert L. Carr represents the plaintiff.

Re-Appraisal Ordered—

In the estate of Harley Stake, a re-appraisal has been ordered by Judge Wilkins in the probate court of Knox county. The first appraisal has been set aside. The appraisers are George Watson, Amos Snively and George Kaylor.

Allowance Reduced—

Probate Judge Wilkins has rendered an opinion in an important matter recently heard in the probate court. The court in the opinion reduces the allowance of the widow in the estate of Charles McGugin from \$2,000 to \$1,500.

Order Issued—

An order has been issued out of the probate court to the county auditor to appraise the property of the late Christopher Bricker for the purpose of fixing inheritance tax.

Appointment Made—

C. S. Warman has been appointed administrator of the Sarah E. Kaiser by the probate court of Knox county. Bond \$1,300. The sureties are F. M. Sheffer and Lizzie Warman. Declaration of next of kin filed.

Army Discharges—

The following returned Knox county soldiers filed their discharge papers for record in the office of the county recorder on Saturday: William R. Culp, Ralph Jackson and Constantine P. Pambolis.

PAUL GUERNE DIES AT FREDERICKTOWN

FREDERICKTOWN, Sept. 12—Paul Guerne, aged 63 years, died at 10 o'clock last night of a complication of diseases at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Yoakum, of this place.

Besides his daughter, he leaves three sons. Funeral services at 2:30 o'clock Sunday at the home. Burial in Forest cemetery.

JAMES M. BEBOUT DIES SUDDENLY

James Bebout, aged 73 years, formerly of Martinsburg, died at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the home of his sister, in Utica, after several weeks of a complication of diseases.

He is survived by several sons and daughters. Mrs. Sarah Paddock, East Vine street and Mrs. Mary McChen, East Ohio avenue, this city, are sisters of Mr. Bebout.

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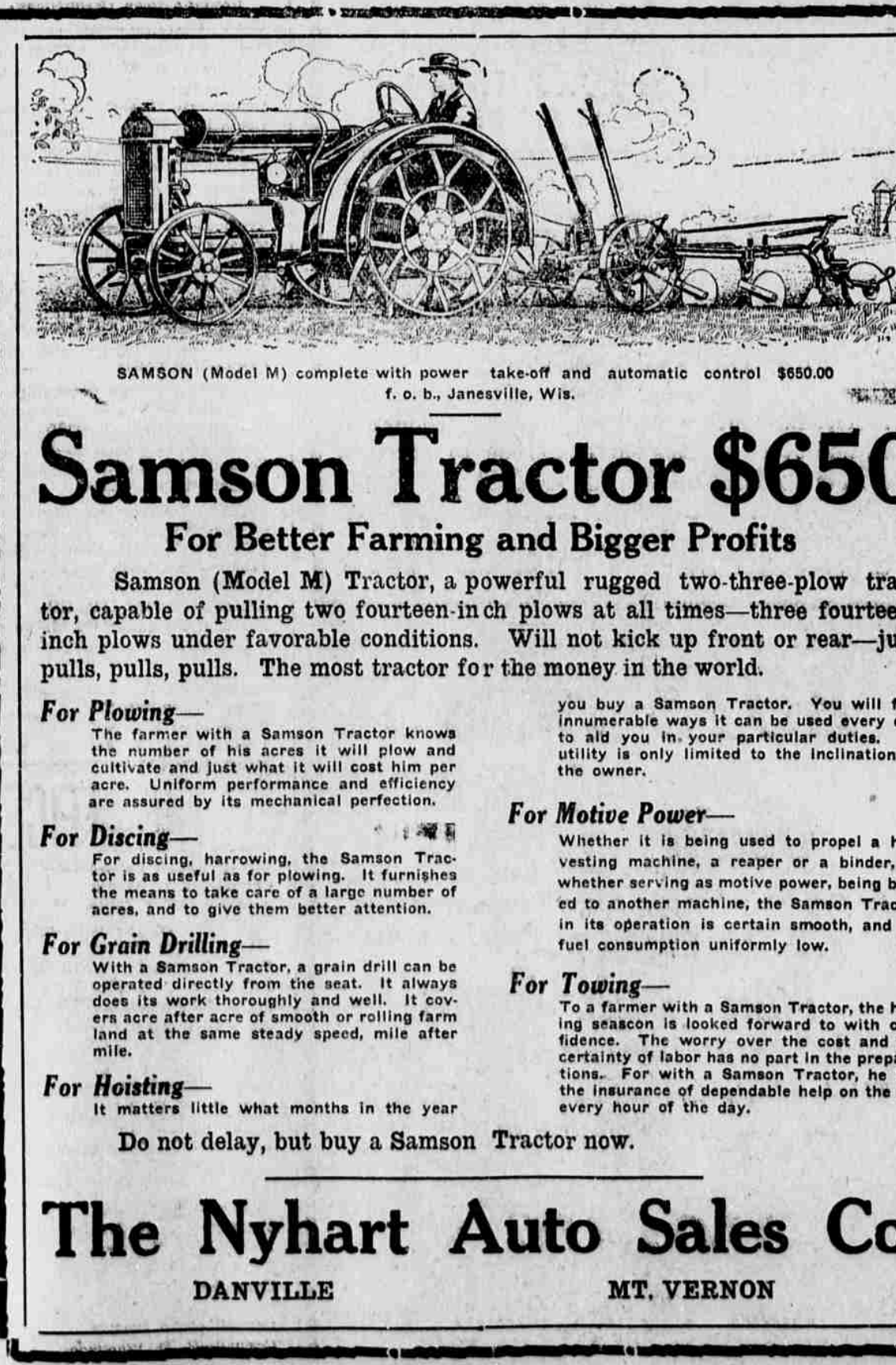
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